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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We have accepted an invitation to give a presentation "just like the one given Colonel White" at Mr. Garrison's staff meeting of division chiefs on Thursday, 23 October.

2. At their suggestion, a delegation from NSA presented to LAS staff a plan to compile the most complete Chinese dictionary in existence, a composite of fifty or so general and technical dictionaries. A very carefully worked out plan of production, using IBM cards and relatively inexpensive overseas research services, will produce for fairly nominal cost a reference that ultimately can save countless thousands of hours. We have offered to arrange for another presentation to a larger group of persons involved in Chinese research and reference.

3. The last Roundtable at Blue Mountain Lake, which met as guests of the Air Force and the Vice Chancellor of Syracuse University, was both pleasant and profitable. The Air Force planned an interesting agenda including an address by a Slavic professor recently returned from the USSR and a presentation by an Otterbein professor who is developing an interesting experiment with moving pictures for language instruction. Among business items, we agreed to respond favorably to a request that the Roundtable include representatives from the Army Language School at Monterey. Also, to create a central collection of suitable movies available to all members for language instruction.

4. At request of R/TR, LAS explained its activities to several DDI training persons.

5. [] has been invited to attend the 29th annual conference on the Far East by Upstate Colleges of New York at Colgate, but does not intend to accept.

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Plans, Research and Administration

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [] has been invited by the West Point Department of Political Science to attend the 10th Annual Students' Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) at the Point in December as an official observer. Subject of this conference will be Afro-Asian Affairs.

2. During the past week the following books were received by the LAS/TR Library in 2132 "I" Building:

1. The Ugly American Wm. J. Lederer and Eugene Burdick
3 copies
2. The Rebuilding of Italy Muriel Grindrod 2 copies
3. The Population Problem of Southern Italy Robert Dickinson 1 copy
4. Italy from Napoleon to Mussolini Rene Albrecht Carrie
1 copy
5. Cultural Approach to History C. F. Ware, ed. 1 copy
6. The Italian Labor Movement Joseph LaPalombara 1 copy
7. How to Travel Inexpensively in Japan (pamphlet) 5 copies

3. During the past two weeks the LAS/TR Library has been recalling overdue books; some of them checked out since '55. Up to the present time a total of 38 returns has been realized.

4. Sixteen people were given proficiency tests last week in Spanish, Russian, French, Serbian and Japanese.

5. Twenty-four people have been tested orally in French, German, Spanish and Portuguese for the month of October.

6. The proficiency test for twenty-seven JOT's have been completed in seven different languages.

7. Fifty-seven Certifications of Language Award certificates were sent to the Registrar last week.



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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The Romance Department and the Far Eastern Department are currently working on French and Chinese versions of the "Language Proficiency Test" devised by the A&E Staff. It is expected that these translations will be ready for recording in about a week.

25X1 2. The French Seminar spent the week-end of 10 to 12 October at [redacted] The members of this group, 18 strong, are all Intermediate or High speakers by Agency standards. Three of them instruct in the After Hours Language Program. [redacted] from the staff served as native speakers. They were ably assisted by [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] from SR. The stay at the house was a complete success and served as a "shake down cruise" for future stays of Full-Time groups this fall.

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4. We now have 38 classes with 493 hours of instruction per week filling every nook and cranny of Quarters Eye.

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. C/WH's memo to DTR summarizing that division's area training needs was noted, and our first effort will be to offer the Saturday Americans Abroad for dependents. For practical reasons, we plan to handle this group along with others going to [redacted] and the rest of Western Europe, on the same Saturday, 17 January. Quarters Eye must be opened especially for the purpose, and under this plan our staff concerned with these areas would be committed for only one Saturday every two or three months. Furthermore, all registrants could be assembled together for general topics, such as "You Become a Foreigner," then split for specialized briefings on different areas. If this plan proves to be feasible, we would do likewise on a different Saturday for East Asia, South Asia, and the Middle East. We are at present awaiting C/Admin/WH's response to our query whether 17 January, which is already scheduled for AAO - [redacted] would be satisfactory for WH.
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2. [redacted] spoke eloquently and informatively in Italy - BCS #1 on "Formative Influences on Italian Culture, to the Renaissance." Aside from his amazing depth of information on Italy, [redacted] has an unusual faculty for putting over a feeling for the country, and what there is about the Italians' mentality and customs that makes them different from other European peoples. He will be even more in his element Thursday when he shifts from the historical to the contemporary, introducing the series of sessions dealing specifically with the Italian people. Three sessions out of 18 concentrate on historical background. For our major lectures we are getting a total audience of about 20.

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3. The Economic Factors - Asia course has been running for five and a half weeks, and promises to develop some very interesting papers by the students. The students have been encouraged to conduct original research on the areas and subjects of vital interest to them in their day-by-day activities.

4. [] of Film Branch/GR/OCR visited [] to discuss their tentative plans to make lists of area films available to personnel going overseas. We suggested to them a later visit to C/PPS/TR to explore possibilities for publicizing these lists.

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